

Amendments to the Specification:

On Page 5, please insert the following immediately after the sixth full paragraph, and immediately before the “DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION” section:

Figure 13 is an upper perspective view showing the planter of Figure 11 with one of the “male” panels removed from view. In this figure, the modular planter is shown in an unassembled configuration.

Figure 14 is a top view of the planter of Figure 13.

Figure 15 is an upper perspective view of the modular planter of Figure 13 in which the planter is shown assembled.

Please replace the three paragraphs beginning with the second full paragraph on Page 12, with the following three paragraphs:

Similarly, the fasteners that are used to attach the various panels together may take many different forms. For example, in one embodiment of the invention, the various fasteners may comprise hinges that are used to fixedly and pivotably attach two or more of the panels adjacent to one another. In another embodiment of the invention, such as the embodiment shown in Figures 11 and 12, the various fasteners may comprise one or more two-part fasteners, each of which includes a male fastener portion **1620, 1621** and a female fastener portion **1624, 1625**.

In the embodiment of the invention shown in Figures 11 and 12, each female fastener portion **1624, 1625** includes one or more slots, and each male fastener portion **1620, 1621** includes one or more hooked male members. In one embodiment of the invention, at least one of the hooked male members is adapted to be received within a corresponding one of the female portion's slots, and to slideably engage the female fastener portion **1624, 1625** after the hooked male member is received within that slot and pushed downwardly relative to the female fastener portion **1624, 1625**. This causes the male fastener portion **1620, 1621** to releasably hook onto the female fastener portion **1624, 1625**.

In one embodiment of the invention shown in Figures 11 and 12, the planter **1600** comprises four panels **1640, 1645, 1647, 1648**. As may be understood from these figures, two of the panels **1640, 1648** (which may be referred to as “male” panels) include two male fastener portions **1620, 1621**; one of which extends outwardly from a first side edge of the male panel **1640, 1648** and another of which extends outwardly from a second side edge of the male panel

1640, 1648. Similarly, two of the panels **1645, 1647** (which may be referred to as “female” panels) include two female fastener portions **1624, 1625**; one of which is positioned adjacent to a first side edge of the “female” panel **1645, 1647** and another of which is positioned adjacent to a second side edge of the “female” panel **1645, 1647**. In this embodiment of the invention, the planter **1600** is assembled by positioning the male fastener portions **1620, 1621** of the two “male” panels **1640, 1648** so that they slideably engage the female fastener portions **1624, 1625** of the two “female” panels **1645, 1647** as described above. The planter **1600** may later be disassembled by hand, and without using tools, by sliding the “male” panels **1640, 1648** upwardly relative to the “female” panels **1645, 1647** and then pulling the “male” panels **1640, 1648** away from the “female” panels **1645, 1647**.

On Page 13, please insert the following text after Line 13 (i.e., immediately before the “**Conclusion**” section):

Figures 13 and 14 show the planter of Figure 11 in an unassembled configuration with one of the “male” panels removed from view. Figure 15 shows an assembled version of the three-panel planter of Figures 13 and 14. For purposes of the discussion of Figures 13 – 15: (1) the female panel **1645** shown in the upper portion of Figure 14 will be referred to as a “first panel”; (2) the male panel **1640** will be referred to as a “second panel”; and (3) the female panel **1647** shown in the lower portion of Figure 14 will be referred to as a “third panel”. Also, the respective right and left hand lateral sides of each respective panel will be referred to as the panels’ “lateral” sides.

Accordingly, Figures 13 – 15 show a three-sided planter comprising: (1) a first panel **1645** (the upper female panel **1645** shown in Figure 14) having a first lateral side **1653** and a second lateral side **1654**; (2) a second panel (the male panel **1640** shown in Figure 14) having a first lateral side **1655** and a second lateral side **1656**; (3) a third panel **1647** (the lower female panel **1647** shown in Figure 14) having a first lateral side **1657** and a second lateral side **1658**; (4) a first, temporary fastener that is configured for temporarily attaching said first panel **1645** adjacent to said second panel **1640** so that said second lateral side **1654** of said first panel **1645** is immediately adjacent to said first lateral side **1655** of said second panel **1640**; and (5) a second fastener that is configured for attaching said third panel **1647** adjacent to said second panel **1640** so that said first lateral side **1657** of said third panel **1647** is immediately adjacent to said second lateral side **1656** of said second panel **1640**.

In this example, the first, temporary fastener comprises a first male fastener portion **1620** that is disposed adjacent to the second panel's first lateral side **1655**, and a first female fastener portion **1625** that is disposed adjacent to the first panel's second lateral side **1654**. Similarly, the second fastener comprises a second male fastener portion **1621** that is disposed adjacent to the second panel's second lateral side **1656**, and a second female fastener portion **1627** that is disposed adjacent to a first lateral side **1657** of the third panel **1647**. The first temporary fastener is adapted to removably attach said first panel **1645** adjacent to said second panel **1640** via a frictional engagement between said first male fastener portion **1620** and said first female fastener portion **1625**. Similarly, the second temporary fastener is adapted to removably attach said third panel **1647** adjacent to said second panel **1640** via a frictional engagement between said outwardly extending second male fastener portion **1621** and the second female fastener portion **1627**.